

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: April 16, 2003

Division: District 1

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☐

Department: Mayor Dixie M. Spehar

**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:**

Proclamation to declare month of April, 2003 as "National Drug Court Month".

**ITEM BACKGROUND:**

Drug courts provide the focus and leadership for community-wide, anti-drug systems, bringing together criminal justice, treatment, education and other community partners in the fight against drug abuse and criminality.

**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:**

**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

TOTAL COST: \_\_\_\_\_

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ No ☐

COST TO COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

SOURCE OF FUNDS: \_\_\_\_\_

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ☐ No ☐ AMOUNT PER MONTH \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BY: County Atty ☐ OMB/Purchasing ☐ Risk Management ☐

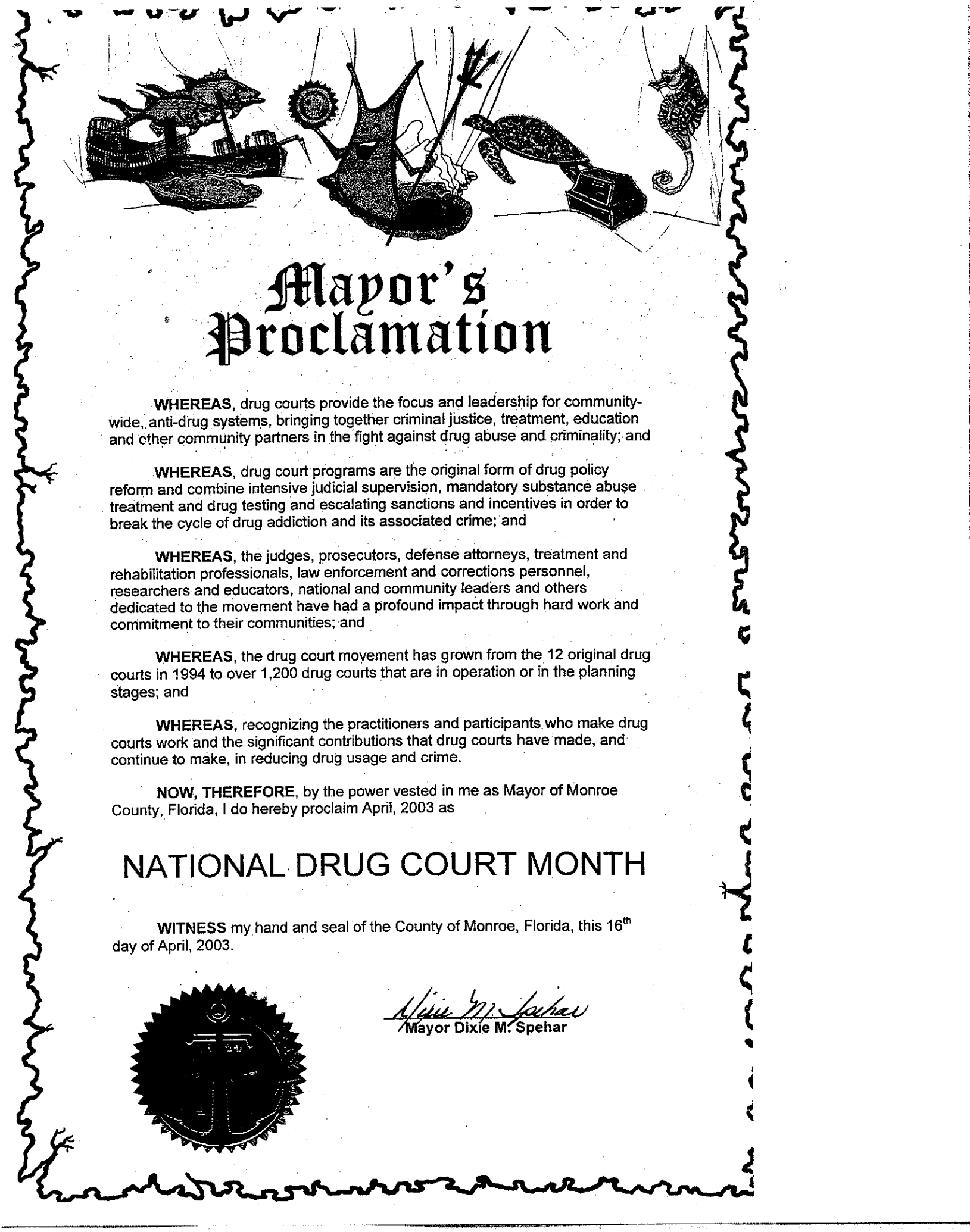
DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

*Dixie M. Spehar*  
Mayor Dixie M. Spehar

DOCUMENTATION: Included ☐ To Follow ☐ Not Required ☐

DISPOSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENDA ITEM # B10



# Mayor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, drug courts provide the focus and leadership for community-wide, anti-drug systems, bringing together criminal justice, treatment, education and other community partners in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

**WHEREAS**, drug court programs are the original form of drug policy reform and combine intensive judicial supervision, mandatory substance abuse treatment and drug testing and escalating sanctions and incentives in order to break the cycle of drug addiction and its associated crime; and

**WHEREAS**, the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement and corrections personnel, researchers and educators, national and community leaders and others dedicated to the movement have had a profound impact through hard work and commitment to their communities; and

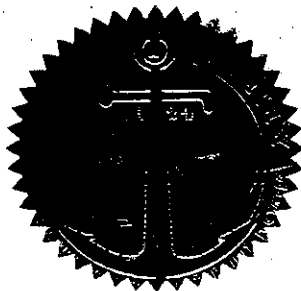
**WHEREAS**, the drug court movement has grown from the 12 original drug courts in 1994 to over 1,200 drug courts that are in operation or in the planning stages; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the practitioners and participants who make drug courts work and the significant contributions that drug courts have made, and continue to make, in reducing drug usage and crime.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by the power vested in me as Mayor of Monroe County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim April, 2003 as

## NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH

**WITNESS** my hand and seal of the County of Monroe, Florida, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.



  
Mayor Dixie M. Spehar